

Dr. Joseph Orze Resigns As NSU's 15th President

Dr. Joseph J. Orze announced May 6 that he will resign as president of Northwestern State University effective June 30. Orze said his resignation "is in my best personal interest and hopefully in the best interest of Northwestern."

President of Northwestern since June of 1982, Orze made the announcement at a meeting of university faculty and staff members. He encouraged NSU personnel to "rally around new leadership" and said the foundation has been laid for a stronger institution in the future.

The 15th president in Northwestern's 102-year history, Orze said his four years at the university "have been difficult for me. I have often been forced to wield a big stick but have had no carrots to offer as rewards."

He said many of his difficulties have resulted "from the fiscal depression experienced by the state of Louisiana at this time," and he added that working under those conditions "has provided little in terms of personal fulfillment or personal enjoyment."

Orze said, "I trust that history will judge that I made a contribution to the university during some of its most difficult days."

Orze accepted the Northwestern presidency in June of 1982 after serving for seven years as president of Worcester State College in Worcester, Mass.

Before becoming president of Worcester State in 1975, Orze was dean of the College of Fine and Applied Arts at Southeastern Massachusetts University for six years and also served for one year as acting dean of the faculty and interim treasurer at the university.

At the time when the *Alumni Columns* went to press, the State Board of Trustees for Louisiana Colleges and Universities had not appointed a special search committee to find a replacement for Dr. Joseph J. Orze, whose resignation at NSU president becomes effective on June 30.

Members of the special search committee were to be named no later than June 20. The process for selecting Northwestern's next president will begin as soon as the committee is formed.

Although Orze's resignation as president becomes effective on June 30, the state board granted him sabbatical leave from July 1 through Dec. 31, a period in which he will hold the academic rank of professor of art and history.

NSU To Remain Under Board

After a year-long study, the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors concluded that the governance of Northwestern should continue under the Board of Trustees for State Colleges and Universities.

Gov. Edwin Edwards directed the LSU board in early 1985 to conduct a comprehensive study to determine if a transfer of governance for Northwestern from the Board of Trustees to the LSU board would be beneficial to both LSU and Northwestern and to the state's higher education system.

The LSU board assigned three out-of-state consultants to the study, and the consultants concluded in a 67-page report that changes which should be made to strengthen Northwestern "can be made without a transfer of governance."

The consultants studied Northwestern's enrollment losses, recruitment and admissions programs, student retention, academic programs, finances, staffing and institutional management and governance.

After providing recommendations on streamlining academic curricula, recruitment, retention and other areas of the university's operation, the consultants suggested that Northwestern and the Board of Trustees work together in addressing problems in enrollment, finances and academic programs.

The LSU Board of Supervisors accepted the consultants' recommendations and made the report available to Northwestern, the Board of Trustees and the Board of Regents for Higher Education.

NSU Awards Scholarships To 14

Fourteen graduating high school seniors have been awarded four-year academic scholarships valued at \$5,000 each to enroll this fall as freshmen at Northwestern State University.

Recipients of NSU academic scholarships, including their hometown, and high school attended, are as follows: Jason Wylie Best, Leesville High School; Jennifer A. Beasley, San Francisco, Calif.; Wagner High School; Nelson Brook Boddie, Shreveport, Caddo Magnet High School; Cynthia Denise Brooks, Shreveport, Capt. Shreve High School; William Daniel

Ellis, Leesville, Leesville High School; Charln Jeanise, Many, Negreet High School; Kelley Kaye Kyle, Shreveport, Capt. Shreve High School; Anita Tonette Leone, Zwolle, Zwolle High School; Anne Marie Loraditch, Natchitoches, Natchitoches Central High School; Michael McMahon, Winnfield, Winnfield Senior High School; Carl Patrick Qualls, Pineville, Tioga High School; Alana Beth Riley, DeWitt, Buckeye High School; Lance Keith Runion, Natchitoches, Natchitoches Central High School; Fabian Paul Zeller, Paulina, Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts.



Four years of frustration is reflected in this photo of Dr. Joseph J. Orze, who announced May 6 that he would be resigning as president of Northwestern State University, with his resignation effective on June 30.

Natchitoches-Northwestern Folk Festival Features Grand Ole Opry Performer

Jimmy C. Newman, a Louisiana native who has been a member of the Grand Ole Opry since 1956, headlines the seventh annual Natchitoches-Northwestern Folk Festival which is being produced July 18, 19 and 20 by the Louisiana Folklife Center at NSU.

Newman and his band, Cajun Country, will appear on the Festival's Friday Night Music Show at 8 p.m. in Prather Coliseum.

Newman, who is to Cajun country what Bob Wills is to western swing and Bill Monroe is to bluegrass, spent two years on the famed Louisiana Hayride

radio and stage show before becoming the first and only Cajun to belong as a regular member of the Grand Ole Opry.

He is known for such hits as "Cry, Cry Darling," "Lache Pas La Patate," "A Fallen Star," "Blue Lonely Winter," "Diggy Luggy Lo," "Jole Blon," "Big Mamou," "Las Palate Pate" and "Alligator Man."

In addition to the Friday Night Music Show, the popular multicultural folk festival also features the Saturday Night Music Show at 8 p.m. and daytime programs Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Saturday Night Music Show will feature Van Williams and the music of Jimmy Rogers, Raymond Blakes and the Zillionaires, and the Cajun swing music of Hadley Castille and Le Cajun Grass.

Ticket prices for the seventh annual Natchitoches-Northwestern Folk Festival are \$4 for the Friday and Saturday night music shows and \$5 for the Saturday and Sunday daytime programs. All tickets for children under 12 are \$3.

To order tickets or request further information, call (318) 357-4332 or write: Natchitoches-Northwestern Folk Festival, P.O. Box 3663, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, La. 71497.



Jimmy C. Newman

Let me bring you up-to-date on Alumni Activities since I visited with you last.

The annual Military Ball was held on Saturday, April 5, 1986 with a large group of returning graduates in attendance. Col. (P) Guy A. LaBoa, NSU class of 1962 was inducted into the Northwestern State University ROTC Alumni Hall of Fame. Truman Maynard was elected the new president of ROTC Alumni Chapter.

April 6, 1986 I attended a crawfish boil for the Lafayette Chapter. We had a very nice attendance and many positive things were said about Northwestern. New officers were elected. They include Ralph Lemoine, President; Fred Fraser, Vice President; James Braley, Secretary-Treasurer. They are off and running and excited about serving Northwestern.

The second Annual Alumni Fishing Tournament was held on Saturday, April 12, 1986. It was a tremendous success with 28 boats participating. This event is growing and next year we hope it will be bigger and better.

The Alexandria Area Alumni Chapter held their annual crawfish boil on Friday, April 25, 1986 at Camp Beauregard. About 85 people were in attendance and all seemed to have a great time. I know I did.

The Fourth Annual Chris Roper Memorial Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, April 26, 1986 at the Northwestern Recreation Complex. Seventy-five people enjoyed an afternoon of golf.

Have a nice summer.

NSU's Home Economics Department Celebrates 75th Anniversary At Homecoming In November

The Department of Home Economics at Northwestern will observe its 75th anniversary in conjunction with the university's Homecoming celebration on Saturday, Nov. 8.

Included in the observance will be a Home Economics Alumni Luncheon at noon in the Student Union Ballroom. Further details will be mailed to alumni in the fall, but if interested persons do not receive the information, please call (318) 357-5587 or 357-5350 for reservation information.

Northwestern has offered a home economics program since 1911, and since its inception more than 1,494

undergraduate and graduate degrees have been granted to students.

From 1911 through the summer of 1945, the department granted 463 bachelor of arts degrees in home economics education.

But from 1945 until the spring of 1985, a period in which the department began offering students different areas of specialization, enrollment and also the number of graduates increased dramatically, producing some 1,031 graduates in such fields as home economics education, dietetics, clothing, general home economics, child development, home demonstration, ear-

ly childhood education and interior design.

In addition to its undergraduate program, the department has awarded 139 master of science degrees in home economics education since 1957 and 100 master of science degrees in early childhood education since 1970.

Currently, home economics students have their choice of several concentrations to prepare them for professional careers — general home economics, consumer services, fashion, housing and interiors, early childhood education at the undergraduate and graduate levels, hospitality and institutional services, vocational home economics education and graduate study in home economics education.

To modernize its program and help students develop entry-level skills for easy access to a variety of home economics-related professional careers, the department implemented in 1979 a standard core of courses that now includes family development, nutrition, child development, consumer problems, perspectives in home economics, introduction and orientation to home economics, and art.

Northwestern has been offering home economics courses since the institution was established as Louisiana State Normal School in 1884. Records show that textile work and weaving were offered as electives to women as early as 1904. However, the Department of Domestic Science and Arts (now home economics) was not established until 1911.

The objectives of each course offered in 1985 are much broader than the purposes which were written about the home economics course in the 1911 university catalogue. "The object of the course is to afford a training in those subjects that relate to the home plan, plain sewing, cutting and fitting garments, and the intelligent cooking of food materials, so that the best results will be obtained with the least expenditure of time and money."

Academic standards in home economics at Northwestern are among the highest in the state. Academically-talented students are rewarded in many ways, including membership in Kappa Omicron Phi, the national home economics honor society.

The Ester Cooley Memorial Scholarship awarded annually to an undergraduate home economics major was established in 1949 by alumni in memory of Ms. Cooley, who taught in the department for 24 years and served as department head from 1929 to 1949. In the last five years, interest from funds contributed to the scholarship has allowed the department to award over \$10,000 in scholarships to deserving students.

For further information on the 75th anniversary, call (318) 357-5587 or write Department of Home Economics, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, La. 71497.



A scholarship has been established in memory of Grace Hart Hicks (above), office manager for Northwestern's Office of External Affairs for the past 6½ years who was killed in an automobile accident on April 16. Alumni and friends may contribute to the fund by sending donations to the Office of External Affairs, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, La. 71497. In the above photo, Lewis Hines presents Mrs. Hicks with a plaque of appreciation during the 1984 Alumni Association and Foundation board meeting.

Hernandez-Hartley Win Bass Tourney

The team of Jerry Hernandez and Gary Hartley of Natchitoches won first place last weekend in the Northwestern State University Alumni Association's second annual Spring Open Bass Tournament on Sibley Lake.

Hernandez and Hartley caught 12 bass weighing a total of 17 pounds, 10 ounces. For first place, they split a \$280 cash prize.

Second place in the tournament, which was worth \$140, went to the team of Billy Graves and O.D. Graves of Natchitoches. Their 12-bass string weighed 15 pounds, 11 ounces.

Dan Burrows and Joe Creighton of Natchitoches won the \$70 third-place prize with 10 bass weighing a total of 14 pounds, 13 ounces.

Mickey Hennigan of Natchitoches was the winner of the \$70 cash prize for the biggest bass caught during the tournament. His winning catch weighed 3 pounds, 1½ ounces.

The tournament, which had 56 entries for a total purse of \$560, was co-sponsored by Budweiser of Natchitoches.

Budweiser of Natchitoches provided free refreshments and a fish fry for all participants in the tournament.



Leonard O. Nichols, 67, long-time educator in central and northwest Louisiana and the retired dean of men at Northwestern, died April 18. A 1946 graduate of NSU, Nichols came to Northwestern in 1953 as assistant dean of men and was promoted to dean in 1963, a position he held until his retirement in 1970. His tenure at NSU was highlighted by his establishment in 1959 of the Blue Key National Honor Fraternity. In 1983, he was instrumental in organizing an alumni chapter of Blue Key, a chapter which became the first official Blue Key alumni chapter in the nation.

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Alumni Names And Faces In the News

1940s

1949 — DR. W. GORDON of Santa Ana, Calif., is a Job Corps field representative for Women in Community Service at the Job Corps Corbin Center in California. Bennett, who is a past commander of the first V.F.W. Post on a college campus, said the Job Corps tries to encourage low-income people to join the program by offering full financial support while the recruit receives job training and necessary schooling for a high school diploma. Training is provided in the automotive, clerical, culinary, medical, construction and computer fields.

1940 — DORRIS LETA ADAMS BROGAN of San Diego, Calif., is a retired teacher. A home economics graduate, she was a member of Sigma Sigma Sorority, Kappa Delta Pi, the Purple Jackets and Euthenics Club at Northwestern.

1950s

1957 — MRS. SARA DAVIS of Shreveport is an investigative assistant with the U.S. Secret Service.

1954 — MRS. SALLY JO FOSTER GIBSON of Harrison, Ark., has been named Arkansas Junior High School Choral Director of the Year of 1986 by the Arkansas Choral Directors Association. She was recognized for the development of an outstanding choral department that has received many honors for Harrison Junior High School during the past 24 years. Mrs. Gibson is in her 27th year of teaching and has taught in Harrison since 1962 when she directed girls's glee clubs at both the junior and senior high school levels. A native of Tallulah, she received her bachelor's degree from Northwestern in 1972. In addition to her most recent award, Mrs. Gibson was recognized as Secondary Teacher of the Year in 1982 by the Harrison School District. She is a life member of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.



SALLY JO FOSTER GIBSON

1957 — FLOYD ALLEN HORTON JR. of New Iberia is a sales representative for Union Camp Corporation. He received his bachelor's degree in education in 1957 and his master's degree in 1962. His wife, the former Betty Millspaugh, is a 1952 graduate of Northwestern.

1960s

1966 — JAMES R. BURKE of Lafayette has been promoted to group manager of the Lafayette Group office of Washington National Insurance Company. He joined Washington National as a group representative in 1966. He is a member of the Acadiana Association of Life Underwriters.

1960 — FLORENCE BUCKELEW KNAPP of Jena received her bachelor's degree in 1940 and master's degree in 1960. Her husband, Carl Knapp, a graduate of NSU, died in December of 1985. He was employed as sales manager for Boise Lumber Company for many years.

1963 — PATRICIA PROFIT LILLIES was awarded the degree of Doctor of Science in Nursing at the University of Alabama at Birmingham on Dec. 1, 1985. She is currently serving as chairman of the professional education committee of the American Cancer Society's Richmond-Columbia County Unit. This spring, she presented her research, "Relationship Between Social Support and Level of Hope in Women with Breast Cancer, at the Nursing Research Conference at Rutgers University in New Jersey.

1963 — DR. DENNIS L. WALLETT SR., a former professor of business at Southeastern Louisiana University, died Feb. 12, 1985. "He was very concerned about his students and actively involved in their education," a colleague of Wallette's said. His professional activities included serving on the board of directors of the Louisiana Alliance for Better Government.

1967 — OLIVIA MCNEELY PASS was awarded the doctorate in English by the University of Southwestern Louisiana of Lafayette in December of 1985. Her dissertation was titled, "Hawthorne's Complex Vision: The Growth of a New Consciousness as Revealed by the Female Characters in the Four Major Novels."

1969 — THOMAS H. CROUT JR. of Shreveport has been named vice-president for Arkla Energy Resources, the pipeline division of Arkla, Inc. As vice president, Crout will continue to be in charge of human resources. He came to Arkla in 1978 from Texas Eastern Corporation of Houston, where he was an employment supervisor. Crout holds a bachelor's degree in sociology and business from Northwestern and a master's degree in human relations from Louisiana Tech.

1968 — JERRY ROBBINS of Tampa, Fla., is manager of reliability engineering for Paradyne Corporation. He is an electronics engineering graduate of NSU.

1968 — JAMES CRAIG COCO of Humble, Tex., is a senior engineer in design review for the American Bureau of Shipping in Houston. He is an industrial technology graduate of Northwestern.

1960 — MATTHEW J. KEPPINGER JR. of Avon, Colo., is general manager of Creekside Ski Resort at

Beaver Creek. He is an elementary education graduate.

1963 — MARGARET F. LAND of Alice, Tex., is employed by Texas A&I University. She is a mathematics graduate of Northwestern. Dr. Land, who teaches in the Department of Mathematics was recently awarded a Fulbright grant to consult and lecture in statistics in Venezuela. She holds a Ph.D. degree in statistics from Oklahoma State University. Prior to coming to Texas A&I University, she was a professor and statistical consultant at New Mexico State University. She is a specialist in statistical methodology and quality control.

1966 — CHARLANNE C. CRESS of Greenwell Springs, a Northwestern primary education graduate, has received two high honors in the field of education. She was recently named Louisiana Elementary School Science Teacher of the Year for 1985 and also recognized as a "national exemplar" in the National Science Teachers' Association's Search for Excellence in Science Education. Charlanne has been teaching kindergarten for 18 years. She has taught in Caddo Parish and is presently teaching at Tanglewood Elementary in Baton Rouge. Mrs. Cress said 13 kindergarten through sixth grade outstanding programs were recognized from the 50 states. Charlanne's teaching program, "Kindergarten's Discover Science through Discovery," was the only kindergarten program recognized as a "national exemplar" in the nation. Her husband, Johnny Cress, is a 1967 graduate of Northwestern.



CHARLANNE CRESS

1966 — LAWRENCE NUGENT of Pineville is district manager of South Central Bell. A health, physical education and recreation graduate, Nugent was a member of the "N" Club, Phi Epsilon Kappa and Sigma Tau Gamma.

1966 — JERRY AND PAT FREEMAN of Bakersfield, California are the parents of two boys, ages 12 and 18. Jerry, who received a bachelor's and master's degree, is project manager for Tenneco Co. Pat is self-employed as a fiber artist.

1963 — LINDA THORN of Bossier City is coordinator of gifted education

for the Bossier Parish School Board. She is also president of the Contemporary Dance Club.

1970s

1972 — WILLIAM E. SCHWARTZ of Bossier City has been elected to the board of directors of Citizens National Bank of Bossier City. Schwartz is president of Squires, Inc., which owns several men's formal wear stores throughout the state. He is active in both the Bossier and Shreveport chambers of commerce and also is a member of the Bossier City Lions Club. Schwartz is a member of the Holiday in Dixie Ambassadors Club, a member of the Bossier City Parks and Recreation board, a member of the Bossier YMCA Century Club and the Meadowview PTA.

1978 — CHARLENE MARIE VOORHIES of Big Spring, Tex., is president of Voorhies Independent Business Adventures. A beauty consultant, Mrs. Voorhies is a psychology and sociology graduate.

1974 — DR. JEFF TOTTON of Abilene, Tex., is an associate professor of marketing with the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh. He previously served as associate professor of business administration at McMurry College.

1971 — WILLIAM AND ELLYCE GOINS recently moved from Metairie to Bossier City. Both are employed by the Louisiana Department of Health and Human Resources in the Office of Preventive and Public Health Services. William is a regional administrator, and Ellyce is assistant director of health promotion.

1975 — ROGER J. BREEDLOVE of Alexandria is an assistant district attorney in Rapides Parish.

1980s

1985 — MELISA KAY WILLIAMS of Columbus, Ohio, is a graduate associate for public relations at Ohio State University's School of Natural Resources.

1984 — DAVID J. BERG of Columbus, Ohio, who received his master's degree from NSU in biology, is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in zoology at Ohio State University. He was recently awarded a \$10,000 university fellowship.

1982 — DAVID L. LAVERE, a journalism and history graduate, is now a writer living in Dallas. He has just had published his first fiction story, "Parts," which appeared in the May, 1986, edition of Easyriders magazine. David has several other short stories currently under consideration at other national magazines and is about to complete a novel he's writing.

1984 — JANET WILDE of Hastings, Mich., is a data processor for Hastings Aluminum Products.

1981 — ANITA WEAVER of Denton, Tex., who is research assistant, is currently working on a doctorate at Texas Woman's University. This year, she received the Louisiana Outstanding Young 4-H Agent award from the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Services.

Dr. Maxine Taylor and Chinese Professor Participate in Exchange

Dr. Maxine Taylor, professor of history and head of the Department of History, Social Sciences and Social Work at NSU, spent six weeks in China last summer and earned a certificate in modern China Studies from Beijing University, the prestigious institution of higher learning in the People's Republic of China.

Dr. Taylor was a participant in a Fulbright-Hays Faculty Seminar which was funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

While at Beijing University, Dr. Taylor became friends with several members of the history faculty and began developing plans for scholarly exchanges between the two institutions.

At her invitation, and with funding from several agencies including the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, Yang Li-wen, professor of his-

tory at Beijing University, visited NSU for a week during March and delivered three addresses to the general public in Natchitoches and lectures to 500 students in selected classes at NSU and the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts.

"To my knowledge, this was the first time that a visiting scholar from a foreign country has ever come to Northwestern for a week of lectures," said Dr. Taylor.

A specialist in the history of modern China and American history, with a special field of interest in the history of American blacks, Li-wen lectured on both subject areas. While in Natchitoches, he also visited the plantations along Cane River and other local historical sites.

On leaving NSU, Li-wen traveled to Georgia for a series of guest lectures at five universities. He will spend the summer months at Harvard University conducting research before concluding his visit in Canada and returning to China in October.

While at NSU, Li-wen commented that the study and research of American history has become increasingly popular in China. The Chinese are particularly interested in black American history and Li-wen said he recently established a popular course on the subject at Beijing University.

Li-wen's first visit to the United States brought many surprises for him. He noticed vast differences between Chinese and American education. For example, he was very surprised that American students freely ask questions of their professors during classes. In China, students only speak out during classes held specifically for questions.

Li-wen said he considers the American practice a "great advantage." He stated that Chinese people admire the United States for its economic development and standard of living. As a result, numerous Chinese youth are sent to the United States to study and observe the American way of life.

Dr. Taylor stated that she was very pleased with Li-wen's visit and with his willingness to visit so many classes.



Jerry Hernandez and Gary Harlery (from left) of Natchitoches received a \$280 cash prize for winning first place in the NSU Alumni Association's second annual Spring Bass Tournament which was co-sponsored April 12 by Budweiser of Natchitoches. Larry Harper of Budweiser presents the cash prize for the 12-fish catch weighing 17 pounds, 10 ounces. At right is Ray Carney, director of external affairs at NSU.

NSU Student Wins Nation's Top Pilot Award

Mike Turk of Lewisville, Ark., a junior aviation science major at Northwestern, won top individual pilot honors at the National Intercollegiate Flying Association's 38th annual National Safety and Flight Evaluation Conference (SAFECON) in Waco, Tex.

As the top pilot at the national SAFECON competition, Turk receives an all-expense paid trip to Winston-Salem, N.C., where he will earn

four hours of Boeing 727 simulator flight time at Piedmont Airline's training center.

Turk, the recipient of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association's top male pilot trophy at the national SAFECON competition, is also eligible to try out for the United States National Precision Flying Team that will compete in world competition in Finland next spring.

Phi Mu Reunion Set For Homecoming

Linda Roach, alumni president of the Kappa Iota chapter of Phi Mu in Natchitoches, has announced that a Phi Mu reunion will be held Saturday, Nov. 8, in conjunction with Homecoming at Northwestern.

The agenda for Saturday's Homecoming activities include a picnic at the Phi Mu house on Greek Hill at 2 p.m., an event which will be for families. All Phi Mu members are invited to sit as a group on the student side of Turpin Stadium during the football game between NSU and Nicholls State at 7 p.m.

On Sunday, Nov. 9, a brunch for ladies is scheduled at 10 a.m. at Lasyone's.

The reunion is being sponsored by the Natchitoches alumni chapter of Phi Mu. Registration fees are \$30 per couple and are payable by Sept. 10.

For further information call Linda Roach at (318) 352-1824 or write Phi Mu Reunion, P.O. box 3492, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, La. 71497.

Craig Qualifies For College National Finals Rodeo

Northwestern's Porter Craig of Zachary has qualified to compete June 16-21 in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's College National Finals Rodeo in Bozeman, Mont.

Craig earned the trip to the CNFR by finishing second in bareback riding at the conclusion of the 10-rodeo sea-

son for the Southern Region of the NIRA.

Ranked fourth in the nation, Craig is the fourth student from Northwestern to qualify for the CNFR since the intercollegiate rodeos program was established at NSU in 1980-81.

SGA Honors Boone With Award

Mrs. Judy W. Boone, an associate professor of business, has been honored by the Student Government Association as one of five outstanding faculty members at Northwestern for the 1985-86.

Mrs. Boone, a graduate of Northwestern with a bachelor's degree in 1963 and a master's degree in 1965, was selected as the outstanding faculty member this year in the College of Business and Applied Sciences.

A member of the NSU business faculty since 1971, Mrs. Boone is well known for her expertise in the areas of business education and marketing-distributive education. She is also certified to teach special education classes for the mentally retarded.

In 1986 as the project director for a two-year statewide curriculum grant, Mrs. Boone completed and supervised the distribution of three model units for marketing education — "Advertising," "The Distributive Process" and Orientation to Marketing Education-Student Handbook.

Mrs. Boone was the series director for Louisiana at the National DECA Career Development Conference in San Francisco in 1985.



MRS. JUDY BOONE



Dr. Maxine Taylor with Professor Yank Li-wen of China.

Lady Demons Enjoy Best Campaign Ever

Pat Pierson and James Smith will have a tough time topping the 1985-86 basketball season at Northwestern State. How can you better the best ever?

That's what this past winter witnessed as the Lady Demons roared to a 25-7 mark, best in school history. But that record doesn't even begin to tell what was accomplished this past year.

NSU captured its second straight Gulf Star Conference Championship with a 8-2 worksheet in the GSC. Also taken along the way was a second consecutive Lady Demon Christmas Classic Championship. But the title that everyone was talking about was the one that got away — the Women's National Invitational Tournament championship.

To say that the Lady Demons fared okay in its first post-season national tournament would be the understatement of the year. Seeded sixth and by far the smallest team in the eight team tourney, NSU dominated first Tennessee Tech and then Duke before reaching the championship game against Idaho. The taller Lady Vandals were hotter than a firecracker, scorching the cords in the second half, nailing down 67% of their action shots. And still, the outwomanned NSU bunch lost by just nine points.

Northwestern State shattered more records than did the Chicago White Sox at their Disco Demolition Night a few years ago. Like:

*Most Wins in School History (25)

*Best Winning Percentage in School History (.781)

*Tied all-time Winning Streak (8)

*Averaged 87.5 points per game, 4th highest Nationally

*Most Points in a Game (134) vs. Hawaii-Pacific

*Largest Margin of Victory in a Game (83 points) vs. Hawaii-Pacific

*Most Field Goals Made in a Game (60) vs. Hawaii-Pacific

*Most Field Goals Attempted in a Game (105) vs. Hawaii-Pacific

*Most Steals in a Game (31) vs. Southern Arkansas

*Most 100 point games in a season (5)

*Most Points in a Season (2799)

*Most Assists in a Season (608)

*Most Field Goals in a Season (1154)

*Most Free Throws in a Season (491)

*TERESSA THOMAS set the all-time NSU career assist mark with 697 feeds, including a national record tying 19 against Mississippi College in December with 237 assists this year. Thomas also owns the single season mark.

*LONNIE BANKS scoring a school record 42 points against Lamar on Jan. 8. The 5-7 Senior also set new marks for most field goal attempts (41) and successful field goals (20) in the same contest.

*BANKS stealing the ball more often than anyone else in school history for a career (327) and a season (112).

*Four starters in double figures: ANNIE HARRIS (16.3 ppg); THOMAS (16.1 ppg); BANKS (14.7 ppg); and SANDY PUGH (14.7 ppg).

*THOMAS named Second Team All-American by Women's Basketball News Service after earning honorable mention laurels a year ago. BANKS was named to the tenth team.

*HARRIS and PUGH being named to the Academic All-American (District 6) team by CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America).

*THOMAS and BANKS being selected first team GSC at the guard slots for the second consecutive year.

*HARRIS and PUGH chosen on the league's second team as forward.

*THOMAS and HARRIS named to the WNIT All-Tournament team.

Northwestern State in general and the Lady Demons in particular lose alot due to the graduation of seniors Banks, Thomas and Val Williams. The three class acts were part of 76 wins over the last four years, including 45 in the last two seasons.

If tradition holds true to form, then Pierson and Smith will churn out another 20 victory season in 1986-87. They don't expect anything less.

Demons In Turnaround Season

A year ago Don Beasley had arrived on campus faced with the task of rebuilding a basketball team that just a couple of months earlier had finished off a 3-25 season, by far the worst in Northwestern State hoop history. He faced a schedule that included a season opener against Kentucky followed by away contests with Alabama and SMU.

The schedule, as hard as it seems to believe, didn't get much easier after that when teams like Northeast Louisiana, Louisiana Tech, McNeese State, Lamar and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock were thrown in.

Beasley had a home court where fewer than 600 fans per game had shown up the previous year to see NSU drop as many as 13 games in a row. Definitely no home court advantage. He inherited a team that had been picked to finish last in the Gulf Star Conference.

Don Beasley stood all of the above on collective ears.

His Demons struggled early, jelled late and the end result was a season where the pulse on NSU basketball was found to be alive and ticking as Northwestern State rolled to an 11-17 record and a tie for second place in the conference (with Stephen F. Austin), going 7-3 in league play.

When taken into account his schedule (of NSU's 27 games, 16 were against teams that either went to the NCAA playoffs or the NIT playoffs) and just the general difficulty of taking over a team unfamiliar with his coaching personality, Beasley's first year record is nothing short of remarkable.

How does a team that lost 22 more games than it won a year earlier turn it around? "At the beginning of the year, we basically had to overhaul our entire system. The most pleasing thing to me is that we grew as the year went on — we grew as individuals and we grew as a group. We made almost remarkable improvement from the first day of practice to the last game."

The problems of taking a young team into a lion's den of a schedule are that the licks build up while the confidence level sags. You play your heart out against Kentucky on Eddie Sutton's opening night in Rupp arena and you lose by 19. Alabama nicks you by five. SMU wears you out in your third straight road game in a third different state and you lose by 18.

That was the record for the season's first half. NSU played competitively, yet posted a miserable record of 3-12 when conference play got underway.

Then, things began to click. NSU took eventual conference champ Sam Houston State into overtime before dropping a six point decision. Then, NSU did something it hadn't done in over three years — it won a basketball game against a Division I opponent on the road. Southwest Texas State was the victim and NSU won convincingly, blowing out the Bobcats by 16 points at 71-55. Basketball, despite a 4-14 slate, was fun again.

The fun lasted throughout the year's final stages. The Demons blew people out of the gym. NSU won by 18 points, by 17 and 16 points. The players high fived. The coach permitted himself a smile.

When all was said and done, the Demons had won eight of their last ten games, including two in a row on the road and five in a row at home. The final record marked the most wins since the 1981-82 squad went 19-9 and represents NSU's best percentage finish in eight years. The 11 victories earned in 1985-86 were more than the last two seasons combined.

Goodwin Optimistic After Spring Drills

After concluding his fourth spring practices at Northwestern State, Demon coach Sam Goodwin expressed both happiness and disdain over his club's pre-summer workouts. Happiness over the progress made offensively and defensively, disdain over the amount of errors, especially in last Saturday's Purple-White game.

"Both teams combined for ten turnovers, five by each," said Goodwin after he'd had a chance to break down film on the April 5th clash. "It was a losing performance by both teams with way too many negative yardage plays and penalties. You're going to have more of those in the Spring, of course, but it represents the difference between winning and losing. Right now, we're losers because of those things."

But, just as major league baseball teams express optimism at this time of the year, so do football coaches, and Goodwin is no exception. He knows that some kinks have to be worked out but says "our talent level is high and our

execution has been good, and from those two we can build."

Offensively, Goodwin is high on the option play of his quarterbacks, especially Sophomore Rusty Slack, who has emerged to give incumbent signal caller Rob Fabrizio a battle for the starting slot. "Right now, they're even heading into the Fall," says Goodwin. "Rusty executed the option very well and Rob improved, though he was hurt and didn't get as much work as he would have liked. It (the option) will be included more in our offense next year."

Goodwin isn't concerned about going into the Fall without a solidified starter at quarterback. "You need two starting quarterbacks anyway in case one gets hurt. We have two who can help us win."

When talking tailbacks at Northwestern State, the name John Stephens inevitably creeps into the conversation. The junior-to-be was nothing short of sensational in the

Spring game, racking up 160 yards on 22 carries. Though he tired near the end of the contest, Goodwin doesn't think that fatigue will hamper the 205 pounder as much as it did last year. "With Al Edwards and Kenneth DeWitt ready to relieve John, he'll be alot fresher in the fourth quarter."

"Our offensive line is much further ahead than it was last year at this time, but still has a ways to go. (New offensive line coach) Don Shows has done a tremendous job with them."

"Our receivers improved their blocking and caught the ball well. They dropped some in the Purple and White game, but they also came through with several outstanding catches."

Goodwin thinks that this year's defense will be improved over last year's model and, despite a new scheme of things (NSU has switched from the 4-4-3 to the 4-3-4) feels that the unit did make some progress. "I think that we'll be a good defensive team. We'll

have to gamble some with stunts, but we don't have the physical size up front to sit back in any one defense and expect to win."

"Our strongest suit is the linebacking corps. We've got six or seven guys back there who all could be starting. I expect some great play from them and they've demonstrated it in practice." J. T. Fenceroy, the top tackler in the state of Louisiana a year ago, returns, teaming with Anthony Jackson and converted defensive lineman James Hall to give NSU one of its strongest linebacking threesomes in recent history.

The defensive secondary was an area of experiment this Spring, and one which Goodwin thinks will come around. "We have alot of talent in the secondary, but they do need more experience. Guys like Kevin Lewis, Randy Hilliard and Odessa Turner all will get better. Overall, if we stay smart and aggressive and move around alot, we'll be okay."

Women's Tennis Takes GSC Title

You'll have to excuse Northwestern State tennis coach Johnnie Emmons if he's sporting a few rips in his clothes these days. His men's and women's teams have made him so proud he's bursting at the seams.

Northwestern State's women won their first conference championship title ever last weekend in San Marcos, crowning an unbelievable five singles champions and awarding one more title to their number two doubles team. The NSU men came in second for the second year in a row, gaining two singles champs in the process.

Of his Lady Demons, Emmons commented that "They did a tremendous job all season long, and they did it against probably the toughest schedule ever here at Northwestern State.

It's hard to find fault with a team that has five players seeded as number ones heading into the tourney. What's even rougher is complain when all five march to championships without losing a set.

Tory Plunkett, NSU's number one player as well as the number one women's player in the Gulf Star, won her second consecutive Most Outstanding Women's Singles Player award in running her two year won-loss mark to 34-7 (.829). She went 17-3 this season and, as Emmons says, "Tory was a leader for us all year long. Everyone looked up to her."

Barbara Tons, who took first honors at number two singles, was consistent all year long. Shayne Fitzwilliam didn't play like a freshman, "doing the impossible" as Emmons put it in recording twenty wins against zero losses. What's even more amazing is that she lost a mere TWO (of a possible 42) sets along the way.

Emmons received outstanding play when it counted from Juniors Monica Isaza and Ana Maria deFelippo. And when it counted was during Saturday morning's finals as both won two set victories that clinched a tie for the team title. Fitzwilliam and doubles mate Angie Peterson clinched it later with their come-from-behind win at number two.

Emmons gave all the credit to Stephen F. Austin as it captured the men's division with a three point win over NSU. The Demons trailed by just a point heading into the last day of competition. After Ricardo Hormann and Nicholas Zurmendi won their singles titles at number six and four, respectively, NSU surged ahead by a point.

But Axel Reich and Claudio Semmelmann lost two hard fought matches and Stephen F. Austin won a total of four championships. "Stephen F. Austin played best in the tournament and they deserved to win," said Emmons. "We had our chances earlier in the tournament but lost a couple of key



Members of the 1986 Women's Gulf Star Conference Championship team include (left to right) Assistant Coach Carlos Blanco, Shayne Fitzwilliam, Barbara Tons, Tory Plunkett, Karla Tubbs, Ana Maria deFelippo, Angie Peterson, Monica Isaza and head coach Johnnie Emmons.

matches."

The season was still a successful one, thanks to Emmons, honored as the GSC's Women's Coach of the Year though he insists on giving all credit to his players.

Whispers of a dynasty followed Emmons and his teams out of San Marcos. All of the Lady Demons return

next year, and only number one singles player Jorge Salvo will be missing from the men's side of the net. Emmons already has him replaced with former Texas Tech star Joas Lobo, meaning that next season NSU's men may join this year's Lady Demons in what has become Emmons' latest chore: "I've got to fit them for their (conference championship) rings," he chuckled.

Track Team Second In Conference Race

It wasn't as great a finish as a year ago, but Northwestern State track coach Leon Johnson couldn't fault his team for lack of effort at this past weekend's Gulf Star Conference championships.

"I'm disappointed we didn't win," Johnson said of his club's second place finish. "Southwest Texas was just too strong for us." The Bobcats, running on their own turf, raced to a commanding 24 point victory, posting 83 points while NSU tallied 59.

There wasn't much question of where SWT outclassed the rest of the competition as the Bobcats compiled 44 points in the field events. For comparison purposes, Northwestern State had 17. Johnson realizes a margin that huge is next to impossible to make up on the run alone.

The Demons weren't without highlight performances, however. NSU had three individuals win their events and both the 400 and 1600 meter relay teams broke the tape first in their respective races.

Kelvin Barher duplicated the feat of his older brother, Eric, (who won the event last year) in winning the GSC long jump competition with a first place leap of 25'1 1/4". Kenneth DeWitt broke a Gulf Star record in the preliminaries of the 200 meter dash by blazing to a 21.17 finish on Friday. The next day he proved that effort to be no fluke by taking home the first place ribbon. Eric Lee came through with a conference-best high jump of 6-10 to capture that event.

The Demons 400 meter relay team of DeWitt, Al Edwards, Edgar Cooper and Chester Davis survived a couple of scarry handoffs in recording a first place finishing time of 41.34. In the meet's last event, the 1600 meter relay foursome of Lawrence Chatman, Edgar Cooper, Tommy Thomas and Jerome Sampson came from behind to post a winning mile relay time of 3:13.09.

Johnson knew going into the meet that it would take an extraordinary effort by his squad, combined with help from Stephen F. Austin and Southeastern Louisiana, to have a shot at the Bobcats. He got the first part after a superior team performance, and didn't do too shabby in the other area as SFA won four events and SLU two others. In the process, NSU saw valuable points away while the strong SWT club pulled away.

"We had 22 people set personal records," Johnson said while glancing over the final agate. "We did everything we were capable of doing on that particular day." The NSU contingent was just part of a whole field of overachievers, however, as 12 records (out of a possible 20) went by the wayside in the GSC's second annual meet.

Softball Record Improves In '86

It was a season of peaks and valleys for the Northwestern State softball team. But head coach Linda Jones reached the top just enough to see that improvement is on the horizon.

The Lady Demons finished 23-20 overall and were 10-10 in the Gulf Star Conference, good for a fourth place finish.

"I was kind of disappointed the way it ended (with two losses at Nicholls State)," said Jones. "But we were over .500 for the first time and I can't complain because we were 16-23 last year. At one point, I really thought we had a chance to win 30 games. I had set that goal during the season, so it was a little disappointing not reaching it."

According to Jones, the season's bright spot came early in the year. NSU began the season with three doubleheader sweeps of McNeese State, Lamar and Southwestern Louisiana. They also split a twinbill with Northeast to go 7-1 in the campaign's first two weeks.

With half the league schedule completed, NSU was 6-4 with visions of a possible title if everything fell into place. But that vision was blurred and then blinded as GSC front-runners Stephen F. Austin and Sam Houston swept two consecutive doubleheaders to push Northwestern into the middle of the pack.

"The six game losing streak we had after the SFA sweep was the season's low point," admitted Jones. "We were so pumped up to beat them. But after the two losses (2-1 and 3-0) we lost our confidence. It took alot out of the players."

"We have to find another pitcher to replace Donna Jo Laffitte," said Jones. The senior from Mansfield, Louisiana had a 2.16 ERA, but also had a deceiving 11-12 record. "D.J. pitched well enough to win alot of the ones she lost. She came out ready to play all the time and pitched well for us. We'll miss her."

Freshman pitcher Kellie Shotwell led the mound staff with her 12-8 record. She also had a 1.92 ERA and tossed five shutouts, tying as NSU record for second place.

Tracy Foshee placed NSU with a .274 batting average. She was followed by Wendy Zucconi with a .256 average, Ginger Craig hit .254 and Maureen Kracik batted .252. Craig supplied most of the power as she swatted eight home runs and had 28 RBI's.

Next year's line-up will feature two seniors, four juniors and two sophomores. Just like her namesake, rock star Howard Jones, Linda Jones feels that "things can only get better."

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